

### Abstract

5 A method for the treatment or prevention of *Flaviviridae* infections, in particular, hepatitis C virus infection, in a host, and in particular, a human, is provided that includes administering an effective amount of a  $\beta$ -L- or  $\beta$ -D-2',3'-dideoxynucleoside or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof, optionally in a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or excipient.